

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES FUNDING TO THE CITY OF HUMANSVILLE

USDA Rural Development presented a Mock Check in the amount of \$11,580 to the City of Humansville during a celebration on May 1, 2006. The grant funds will be used to purchase an additional police car and radio communication equipment. The additional resources will aid the city police to improve protection for all residents of the community.

Senator Jim Talent, a member of the Senate Agricultural Committee said, "Law enforcement officers are critical in keeping our communities safe and they must have access to reliable equipment to do their job. These funds will be used to purchase a new patrol car, resulting in better safety for our community. This is an example of how the federal government is partnering with the local community to meet the needs of our law enforcement officials."



Pictured left to right: Melissa Reh, Field Representative for Senator Bond; Melissa Richardson, Staff Assistant for Congressman Ike Skelton; Larry Jenkins, Mayor of Humansville; Jim Hanak, former Police Chief; Bill Ratliff, Police Officer; Linda Kenney, City Clerk; Jerry Finley, Area Director USDA, Rural Development

Congressman Ike Skelton said, "I am so pleased that the City of Humansville has received this USDA Rural Development grant to help purchase a police car and radio communication equipment. Whether on regular patrol or responding to an emergency, we depend on law enforcement officers to be available when we call. This grant will help ensure that the Humansville Police Department has the equipment needed to protect public safety."

Mayor Larry Jenkins expressed his appreciation, "On behalf of the citizens of Humansville, I want to extend our thanks to USDA Rural Development for these funds for our new police car and radio equipment. These resources will enable us as a city to provide the necessary protection for our residents and to ultimately increase our potential for growth."

Greg Branum, Missouri State Director for USDA Rural Development said, "Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials including U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent plus U.S. Representative Ike Skelton for making available federal monies for funding this kind of project providing essential services for the community." Branum added, "This kind of assistance mirrors USDA Rural Development's mission and President Bush's initiative of being committed to the future of rural communities."

Anyone seeking more information about this or any other USDA Rural Development program may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or by contacting Leon Melvin, Rural Development Manager, at 688 S. State Hwy B, Suite 400, Springfield, MO 65802 or by calling (417) 831-5246 extension 4 or by email to leon.melvin@mo.usda.gov.

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